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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A slider for supporting at least one transducer, the slider comprising:
a slider body having a bearing surface and an opposing mounting surface; and
an adhesive control feature formed on the mounting surface to increase a surface area on
which an adhesive is deposited.
2. (original) The slider of claim 1, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one reservoir formed on the mounting surface of the slider body, each reservoir having a bottom surface and side surfaces.
3. (original) The slider of claim 2, wherein the at least one reservoir is configured to receive at least a portion of the deposited adhesive, thereby effectively reducing a size of the adhesive deposited on the slider body.
4. (original) The slider of claim 2, wherein the at least one reservoir comprises an elongated channel.
5. (original) The slider of claim 2, wherein the at least one reservoir further comprises at least one island that protrudes from the bottom surface of the reservoir toward the mounting surface, each island having a top surface and side surfaces.
6. (currently amended) The slider of claim 5, wherein the side surfaces of the at least one island extend from the bottom surface of the reservoir to the top surface of the island such that the top surface of the island is coplanar with the mounting surface.

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7. (original) The slider of claim 1, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one pillar that protrudes from the mounting surface in a direction generally away from the bearing surface, each pillar having a top surface and side surfaces.

8. (original) The slider of claim 7, wherein at least a portion of the adhesive deposited on the slider body at least partially covers the top surface and the side surfaces of the at least one pillar.

9-15. (canceled).

16. (original) A slider for supporting at least one transducer, the slider comprising:
a slider body having a bearing surface and an opposing mounting surface; and
adhesive control means formed on the mounting surface of the slider body to increase a
surface area on which an adhesive droplet is deposited.

17. (original) The slider of claim 16, wherein the adhesive control means comprises an adhesive control feature.

18. (original) The slider of claim 17, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one reservoir formed on the mounting surface of the slider body, each reservoir having a bottom surface and side surfaces.

19. (original) The slider of claim 18, wherein the at least one reservoir further comprises at least one island, the at least one island protruding from each reservoir

20. (original) The slider of claim 17, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one pillar that protrudes from the mounting surface in a direction generally away from the bearing surface, each pillar having a top surface and side surfaces.

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21. (new) A slider body comprising:

a mounting surface configured for attachment to an actuation device; and
an adhesive control feature formed on the mounting surface and configured to receive a portion of adhesive for attaching the mounting surface to the actuation device, wherein the adhesive control feature increases a surface area of the mounting surface.

22. (new) The slider body of claim 21, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one reservoir formed on the mounting surface, each reservoir having a bottom surface and side surfaces.

23. (new) The slider body of claim 22, wherein the at least one reservoir comprises an elongated channel.

24. (new) The slider body of claim 22, wherein the at least one reservoir further comprises at least one island that protrudes from the bottom surface of the reservoir toward the mounting surface, each island having a top surface and side surfaces.

25. (new) The slider body of claim 24, wherein the side surfaces of the at least one island extend from the bottom surface of the reservoir to the top surface of the island such that the top surface of the island is coplanar with the mounting surface.

26. (new) The slider body of claim 21, wherein a remaining portion of the adhesive forms across a portion of the mounting surface.

27. (new) The slider body of claim 21, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one pillar having a top surface and side surfaces, the pillar protrudes from the mounting surface towards the top surface of the pillar.